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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002, it is respectfully  
requested that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the following paragraph for the first full paragraph on page  
11 of the Specification:

--A "tender" as defined herein, is the initial provision of an offer for a purchase  
or sale of commodity for use in an auction, accompanied by qualifying information  
entered with the offer as described below. When the user (i.e., the tender initiator)  
opts to post the tender, a process is begun (step 301) as provided in the  
embodiment of the system and method of the present invention, and shown in  
Figures 3A and 3B. This user must first decide if the tender to be posted is for the  
purchase or sale of a commodity (step 302). Both types of the tender are possible  
which allow the sellers and the buyers to post the tenders on the System. The

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